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1. The Gottwaldov Precision Engineering Works (Zavody presneho strojirenstvi Gottwaldov) National Enterprise in Gottwaldov have received a special order to manufacture spare parts for lathes and revolving lathes of German manufacture. The machinery in question was produced by the following German manufacturers: Messerschmidt, Mauser, Borsig, and AEG. 25X1
2. The machine tools for which these spare parts are to be made are used for making aircraft components, artillery fuses, machine-gun barrels, and other armament. The order placed with the Gottwaldov Precision Engineering Works amounts to about half a million crowns. The spare parts were to be delivered in 60 days, and as a result the plant's production plan had to be completely changed.
3. This plant has received no similar orders from the USSR before. The Czechoslovak Ministry of Engineering has given the plant management detailed instructions for the fulfillment of this order. These instructions specified that certain expert workers were to be put to work on this task. All the workers listed had been employed in the German armament industry during World War II.<sup>1</sup> 25X1

**Comment:** The fact that the Gottwaldov Precision Engineering Works employs a large number of specialists who used to work in the factories producing this sort of equipment during World War II strengthens the inference that this order concerns spare parts for old German machine tools that were shipped to the USSR as World War II booty.

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